

## **Trapping Policy – Columbia Parks and Recreation**

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department will allow the trapping of furbearers on select properties for the purpose of population management and or infrastructure damage control (i.e. drainage pipes, etc.) as it relates to the protection of lakes and ponds on park properties. The following policy outlines specific rules related to the trapping on park property and serves as permission for the stated individual to access designated park properties and set traps along lakes and ponds within each property.

### **General Provisions:**

- All statewide and area regulations apply.
- Permittee will take precautions to place traps in areas that are not adjacent to roadways, parking areas or areas frequented by humans or domestic animals.
- All trappers will access park properties in designated parking areas only and must walk to specific trapping locations.
- Permittee must submit a report to the area manager of all furbearers taken off the area within 10 days of the close of trapping season.
- Permittee will dispose of carcasses in the proper manner off of park property.
- The homes, nests or dens of furbearers must not be molested or destroyed.
- Traps may be placed and set for furbearers at 6:01 a.m. on Nov. 15 and must be removed by 11:00 pm of the last day of trapping season.

### **Trap Regulations:**

- Traps must be plainly labeled on durable material with the user's full name and address or Conservation Number.
- Wildlife must be removed or released from traps daily, except for colony and type traps, which must be checked every 48 hours.
- May not be set in paths made or used by people or domestic animals. Killing-type traps may not be set along public roadways, except underwater in permanent waters.
- Beaver and muskrat may be trapped by underwater trap sets only
- Groundhog, opossum, skunk, and raccoon may be trapped only by cage style traps
- Dry land sets of foot-hold traps or snares and cage style traps is only allowed on a case by case basis for coyotes, fox and bobcat with written approval from the Director of Parks and Recreation
- Live trapping via cage style traps for coyotes, fox and bobcat is allowed
- The use of firearms while in the process of trapping is not allowed
- Have no food, scent, or visual lure placed within 1 foot of the trap

A maximum of three individuals may trap on a park property at one time. Furbearer trapping is allowed at the following locations:

1. Nifong Lake, Frank G. Nifong Memorial Park, 2900 E. Nifong Blvd.
2. Philips Lake, A. Perry Philips Park, 5050 Bristol Lake Parkway
3. Recreation Area Lake, Lake of the Woods Recreation Area, 6700 St. Charles Road
4. All other park locations will be approved upon request from permittee with stated trapping intentions by the Director of Parks and Recreation

For any other questions pertaining to the policy and trapping program, please contact Gabe Huffington, Park Services Manager, at 573-874-7202 or [Gabe.huffington@como.gov](mailto:Gabe.huffington@como.gov).

**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested trapping location: \_\_\_\_\_

Target furbearer: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_.(applicant) accept and agree to the conditions of this policy as specified above on this date \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: Approval is not final until Permittee signs and returns one copy (and fee or deposit, if applicable) to the Columbia Parks and Recreation Park Services Manager.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Department Authority)

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(Date)